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STARING OUT AT IMPERIAL BOULEVARD, FINN SPOTS...

THREEPIO?

AS HE CLIMBS OUT OF THE AT-MT HATCH FOR A BETTER LOOK...

!!??

HE IS SUDDENLY YANKED UPWARDS!

POW!

BRACK!

RYAAAAHHH!!!

IN A LAST-DITCH EFFORT, FINN TACKLES THE BRUTE-TROOPER.

THEY ROLL OFF THE EDGE OF THE WALKER AND FALL *FIFTY FEET!*

WHUMP!

THE BRUTETROOPER GETS UP, UNPHASED.

LAST WORDS, FN-2187?

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BLAM!

FINN LOOKS TO SEE WHO HELPED HIM.

RK-514!

THE NAME'S RAFE.

I LIKE IT.

RAFE LIFTS FINN TO HIS FEET AND HANDS HIM A BLASTER.

FINN SEES RAFE'S UNIT OF STORMTROOPERS, DIVERSE FACES WITH NEW PURPOSE: *FREEDOM.*

ABOARD THE ECLIPSE.

WE'VE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM A FIRST ORDER TRANS-MITTER.

FINN IS *ALIVE.*

HE HAS AN ARMY READY TO STORM THE CAPITOL. THEY NEED REINFORCEMENTS.

ALL WE HAVE IS WHAT'S ON THIS SHIP. YOU CAN'T WIN A WAR WITH A HUNDRED PILOTS.

PLUS ONE.

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GROWWRR!

SORRY, PLUS TWO.

BEEP!

OKAY, I GET IT!

WHERE'S REY?

SHE WENT ON ALONE. HER CHOICE, NOT MINE. WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS?

WE LOST CONTACT WITH ROSE. FINN IS ALIVE. HE SAYS HE HAS AN ARMY ON THE GROUND.

THEN WE PUT OUR PILOTS IN THE SKY AND BACK HIM UP. IF WE TAKE THE CAPITOL, WE CAN DESTROY THAT JAMMER AND CALL THE GALAXY TO WAR.

THEY'LL KILL MILLIONS. IT'S TOO RECKLESS.

RESISTANCE *IS* RECKLESS.

PASSION IS THE GREATEST WEAPON WE HAVE.

THE REBELS FOUGHT THE EMPIRE AND ***WON.***

YOU SHOWED US IT COULD BE DONE.

BUT THAT WAS YOUR WAR.

THIS ONE IS OURS.

LET US FIGHT.

SET A COURSE FOR CORUSCANT.

READY ALL WEAPONS AND ATTACK SHIPS.

THIS IS A FULL ASSAULT.

THE ECLIPSE ROCKETS DEEP INTO SPACE.

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TEMPLE OF MORTIS

KYLO ASCENDS TO A SEALED DOOR.

HE REACHES OUT. THE DOOR BENDS TO HIS WILL AND OPENS.

BUT HE DOESN'T ENTER.

HE KNOWS HE'S NOT ALONE.

I KNEW YOU'D COME.

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THIS PLACE.

CAN YOU FEEL IT?

YOU'RE IN PAIN BENEATH THAT MASK.

GET OUT OF MY HEAD, REY.

YOU WON'T LIKE WHAT YOU FIND.

KYLO FORCE-PUSHES REY BACK A FEW INCHES, BUT SHE WITHSTANDS IT, STEADFAST.

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I'M STRONGER THAN ANAKIN SKYWALKER. STRONGER THAN HIS SON.

BUT YOU'RE STILL AFRAID.

OF WHAT? YOU?

OF WHAT YOU'VE BECOME. THE DARK SIDE HAS LEFT YOU EMPTY. ALONE.

I DON'T HAVE TO BE ALONE. WITH THE POWER OF THIS PLACE, WE COULD RULE THE GALAXY AS THE ANCIENTS DID. THE DARK SIDE AND THE LIGHT.

YOU THINK I'D STILL JOIN YOU AFTER WHAT YOU DID TO MY FAMILY?

KYLO FALTERS A BIT AS REY CIRCLES HIM LIKE A LION.

WERE YOU GOING TO TELL ME HERE? WEAKEN ME WITH THE TRUTH? I KNOW WHAT YOU DID. DEEP DOWN, I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN.

MY PARENTS DIDN'T SELL ME FOR DRINKING MONEY. THEY WERE HIDING ME FROM YOU.

SO YOU REMEMBER.

SNOKE MADE HIS ORDERS CLEAR: FIND ANYONE WHO COULD DESTROY HIM.

IT DIDN'T TAKE US LONG TO FIND YOU.

YOU KILLED MY PARENTS.

YOU BLAME ME FOR YOUR LIFE ON JAKKU. YOU SHOULD THANK ME FOR IT. YOU WERE SAFE.

SAY IT!

DID YOU KILL THEM?

I DID.

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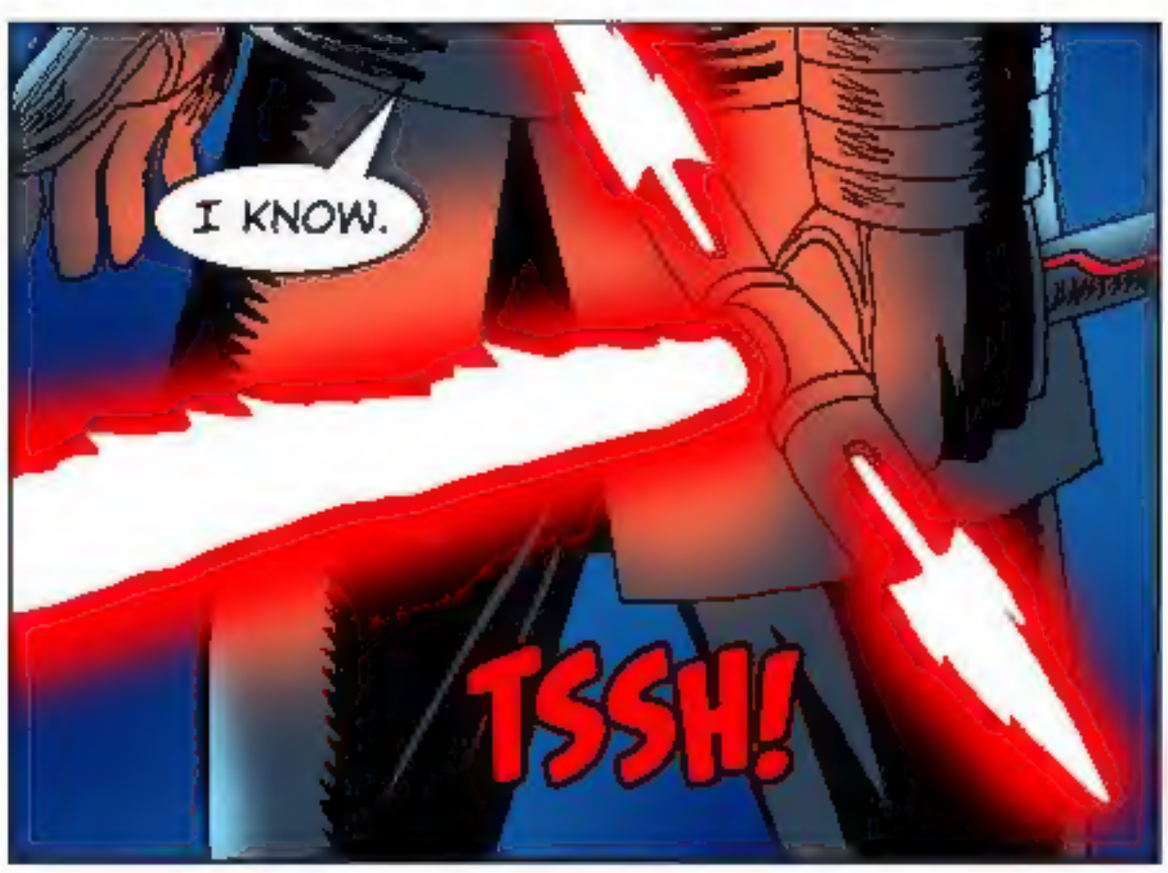

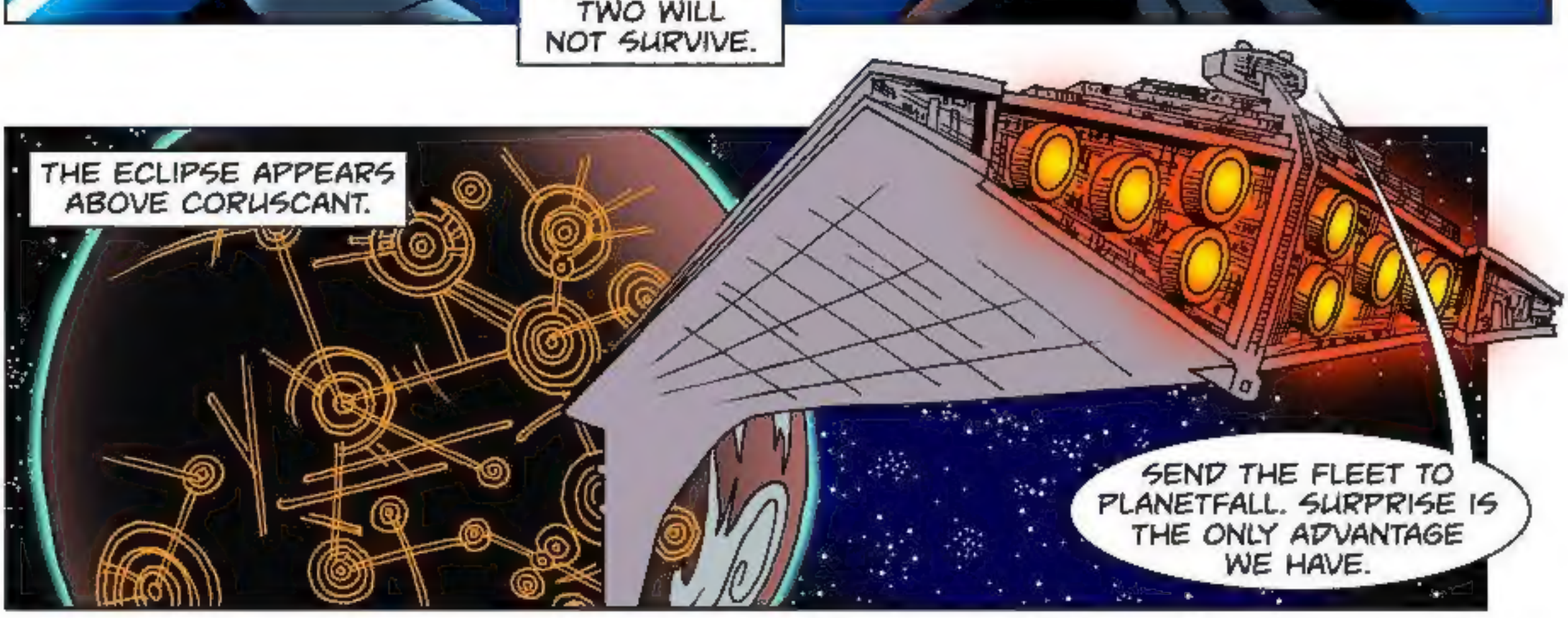

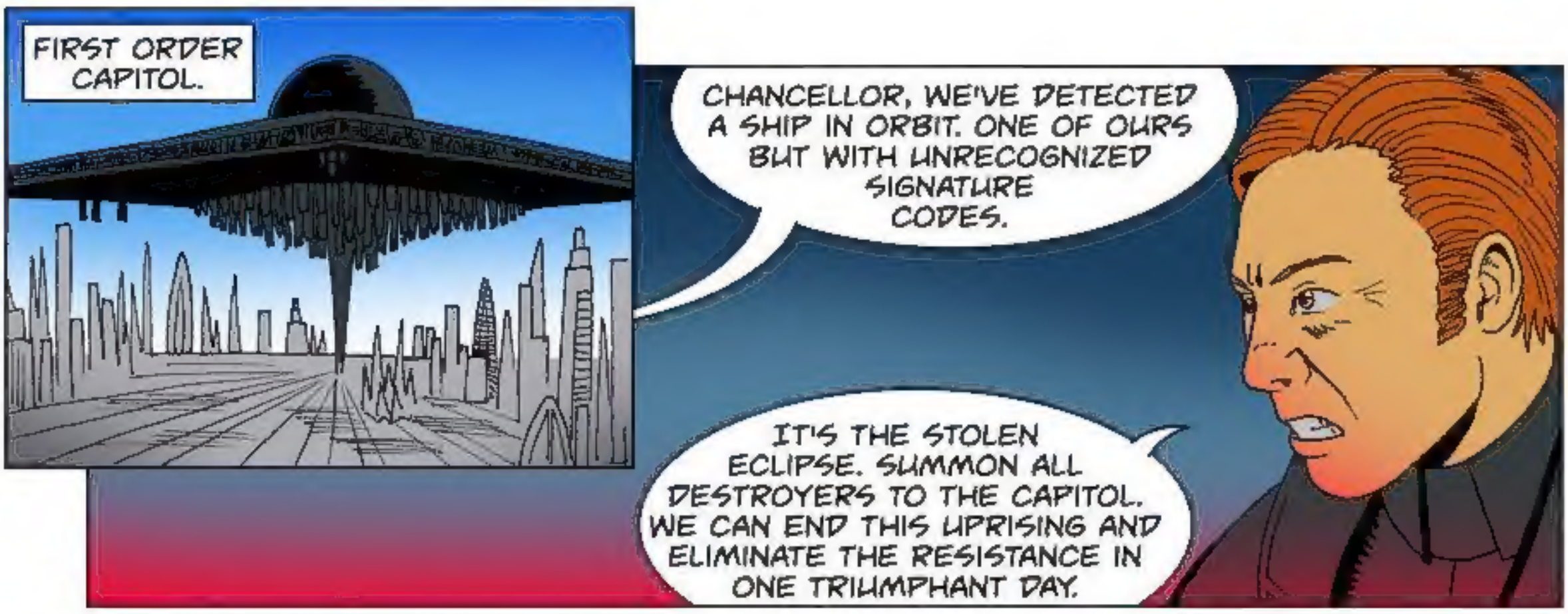
FIRST ORDER CAPITOL.
CHANCELLOR, WE'VE DETECTED A SHIP IN ORBIT. ONE OF OURS BUT WITH UNRECOGNIZED SIGNATURE CODES.
IT'S THE STOLEN ECLIPSE. SUMMON ALL DESTROYERS TO THE CAPITOL. WE CAN END THIS UPRISING AND ELIMINATE THE RESISTANCE IN ONE TRIUMPHANT DAY.

UP IN ORBIT, THE FIRST ORDER SENTINEL SHIPS UNLEASH HELL.

A TRIO OF T.I.E. MARAUDERS BEAR DOWN ON THE FALCON...

... THEN EXPLODE IN SUCCESSION!

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BRAAAGGGHH!!

CHEWIE'S ORANGE T-85 X-WING ZIPS OVERHEAD.

THAT'S ONE HELL OF A PILOT!

THE ECLIPSE UNLOADS A SUPERLASER ON THE SENTINELS...

...ALLOWING RESISTANCE FIGHTERS AND TRANSPORTS TO DESCEND THROUGH THE BILLOWING FIRE TO PLANETFALL.

THERE ARE THOUSANDS NOW IN THE NEW RESISTANCE ARMY, SOME WITH BLASTERS, OTHERS WITH NOTHING BUT CLUBS AND PASSION.

THEY MARCH TOWARD THE FIRST ORDER CAPITOL.

FINN MARCHES WITH RAFE AND HIS REBEL TROOPERS.

DADE POPS OUT OF THE AT-MT HATCH.

RISE UP! JOIN THE FIGHT!

BUT A DISTANT SOUND SILENCES THEM:

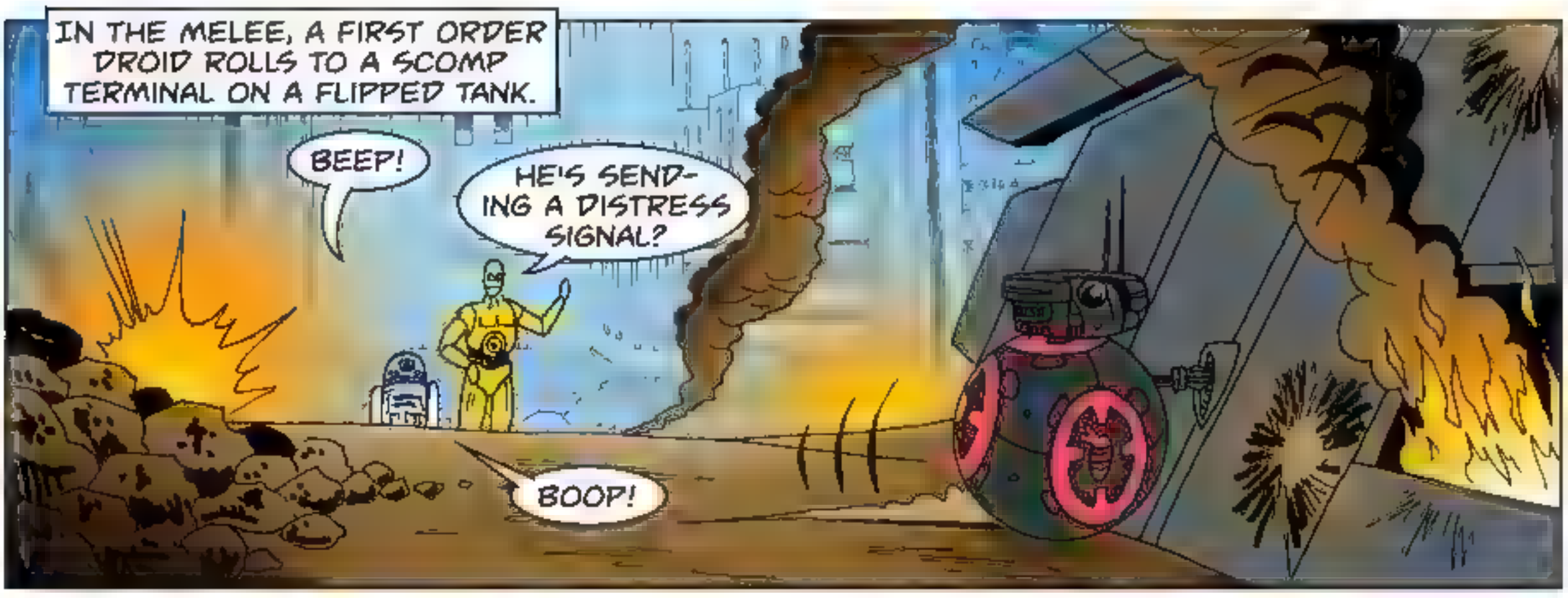
THE LOCKSTEPPED BOOTS OF THOUSANDS OF RIOT-SUPPRESSING MANDALORIAN BRUTETROOPERS!

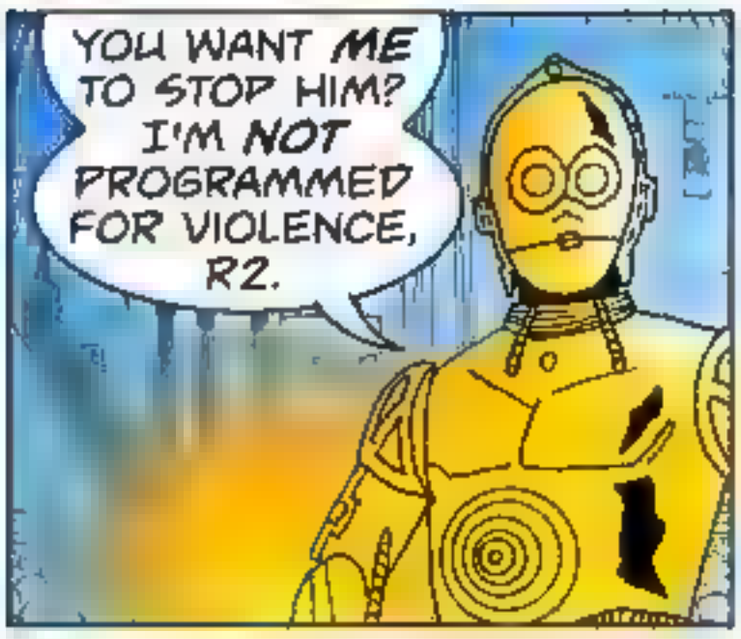
SUN CUTS THROUGH THE FOG, REVEALING THE EXTENT OF THE CAPITOL'S DEFENSES: ADVANCED TANKS AND WALKERS, NEW DESIGNS WE'VE NEVER SEEN.

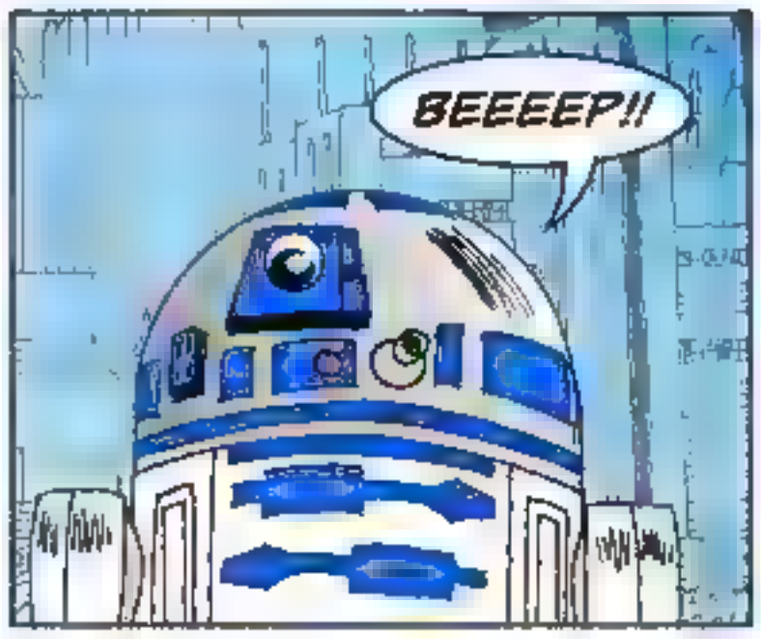
FINN HOLDS THE LINE AT THE SIGHT OF THE ONCOMING FORCES.

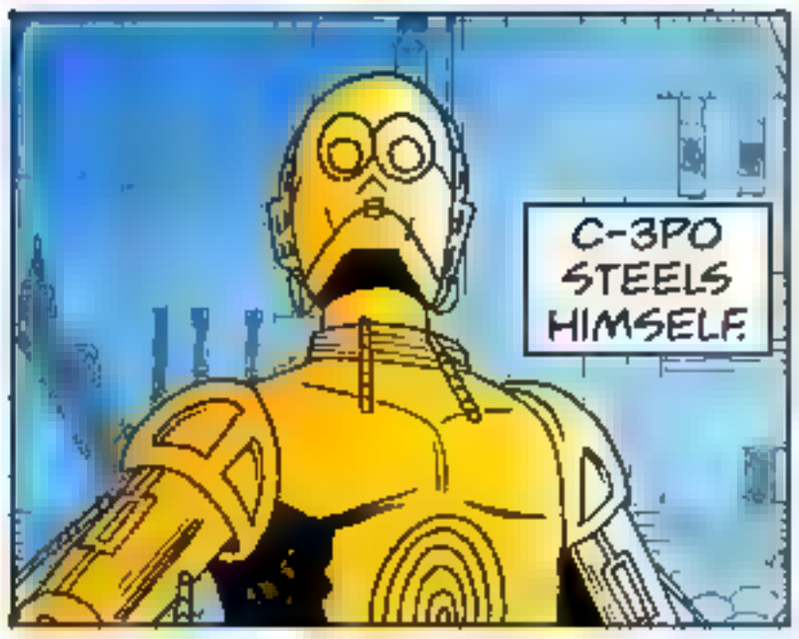
STAND YOUR GROUND!

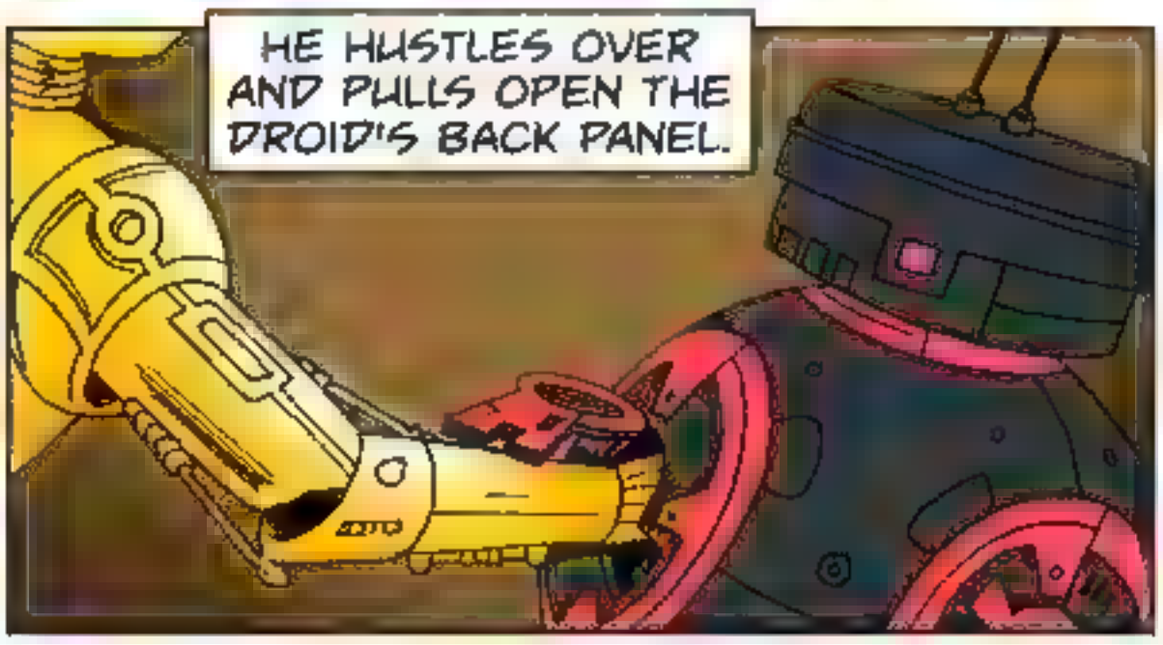
SUDDENLY, ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE.

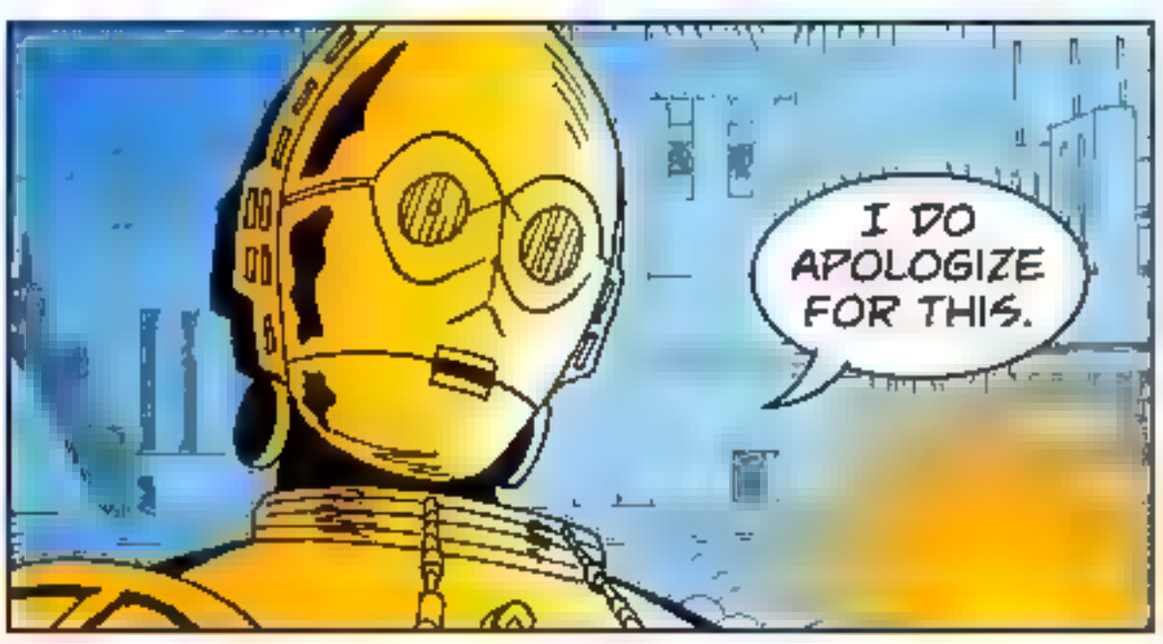

IN THE MELEE, A FIRST ORDER DROID ROLLS TO A SCOMP TERMINAL ON A FLIPPED TANK.
BEEP!
HE'S SEND-ING A DISTRESS SIGNAL?
BOOP!

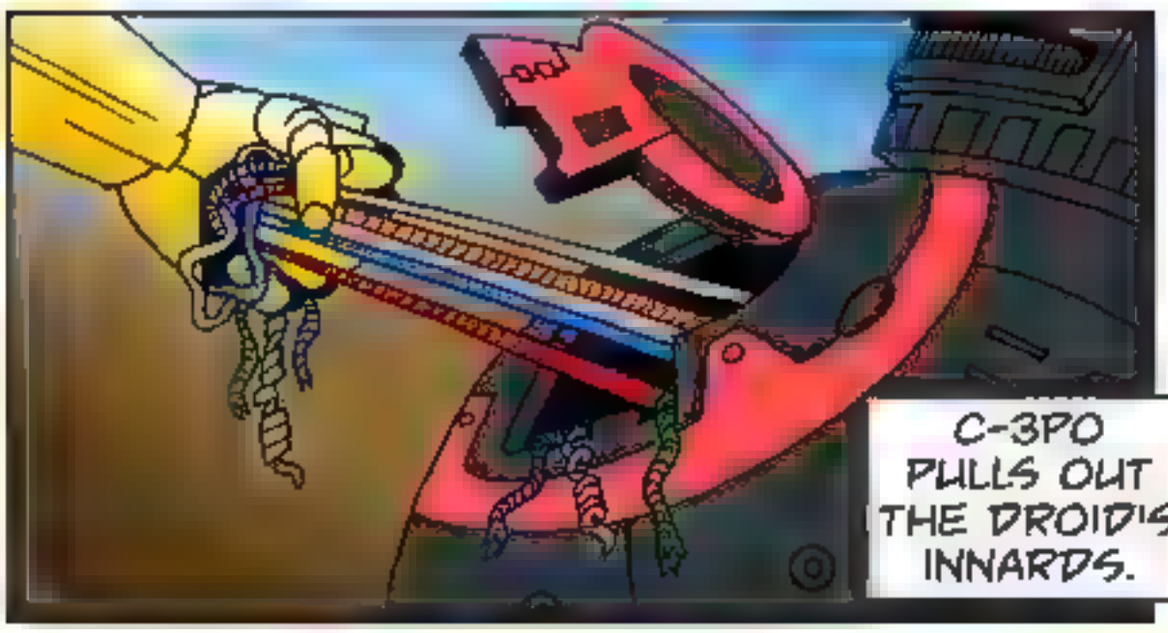

YOU WANT ME TO STOP HIM? I'M NOT PROGRAMMED FOR VIOLENCE, R2.

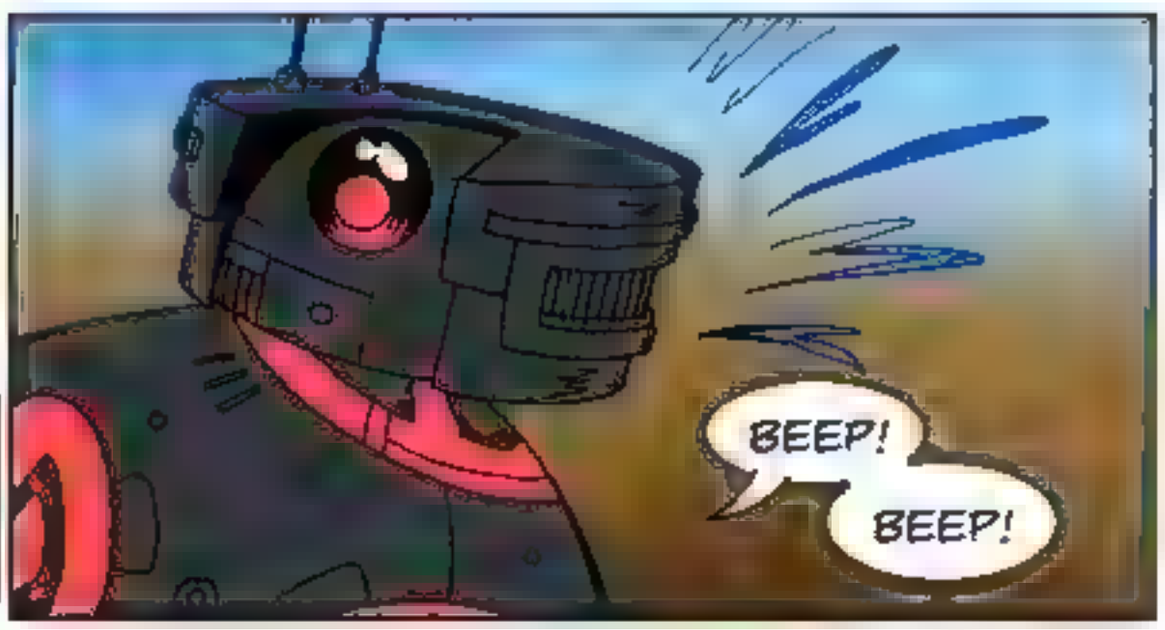

BEEEEP!!

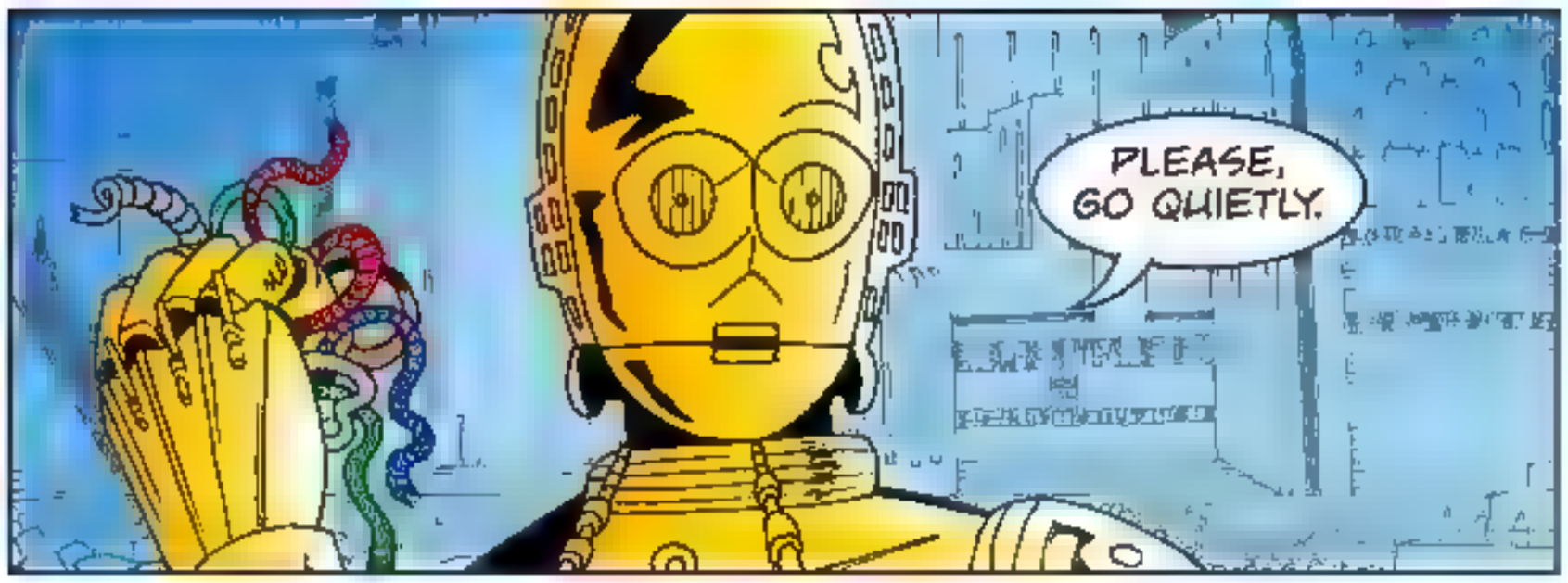

C-3PO STEELS HIMSELF.


HE HUSTLES OVER AND PULLS OPEN THE DROID'S BACK PANEL.


I DO APOLOGIZE FOR THIS.


C-3PO PULLS OUT THE DROID'S INNARDS.


BEEP!
BEEP!


PLEASE, GO QUIETLY.

R2 QUICKLY PLUGS INTO THE SCOMP LINK AND SENDS HIS OWN COMMAND.

THE TANK'S BELLY RAIL GUN SPINS, RESETS --

AND FIRES ON THE BRUTETROOPERS!

I'VE DONE HORRIBLE THINGS.

I MAY NEVER BE THE SAME.

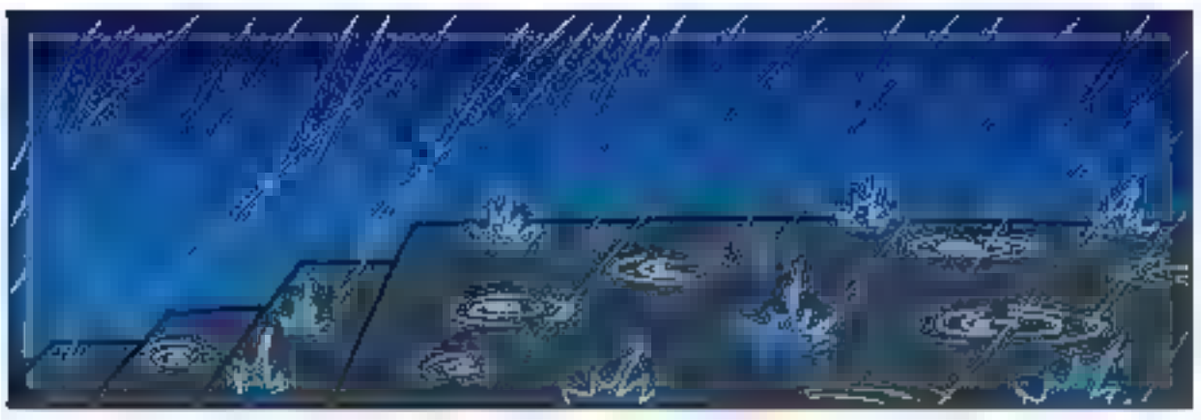
RESISTANCE TRANSPORTS LAND ON THE BOULEVARD BEHIND FINN AND THE DEFECTED RESISTANCE ARMY.

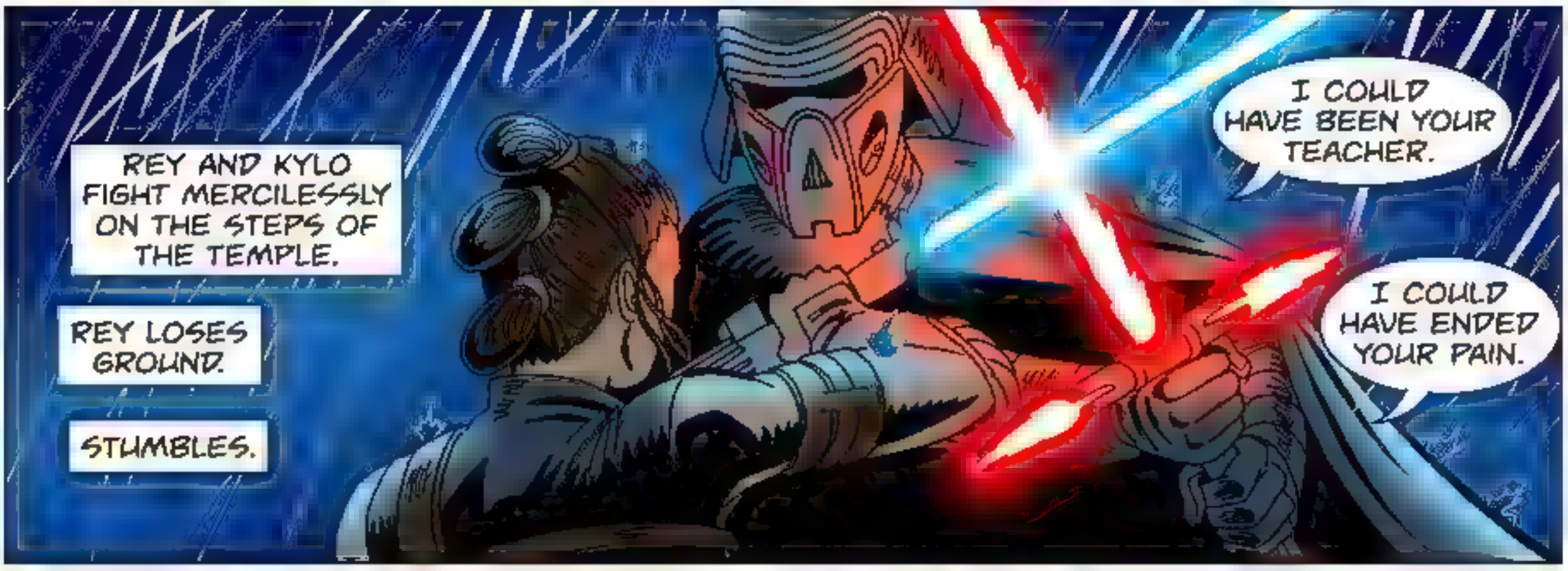
STOLEN AT-ATS, AT-STS, AND ATTACK SPEEDERS EMERGE FROM THE CARGO DOORS.

THEY ARE HEAVILY MODDED, PAINTED WITH REVOLUTIONARY COLORS, EYES AND TEETH.

YOU FEEL THAT?
WE ARE THE RESISTANCE!
ALL OF US!

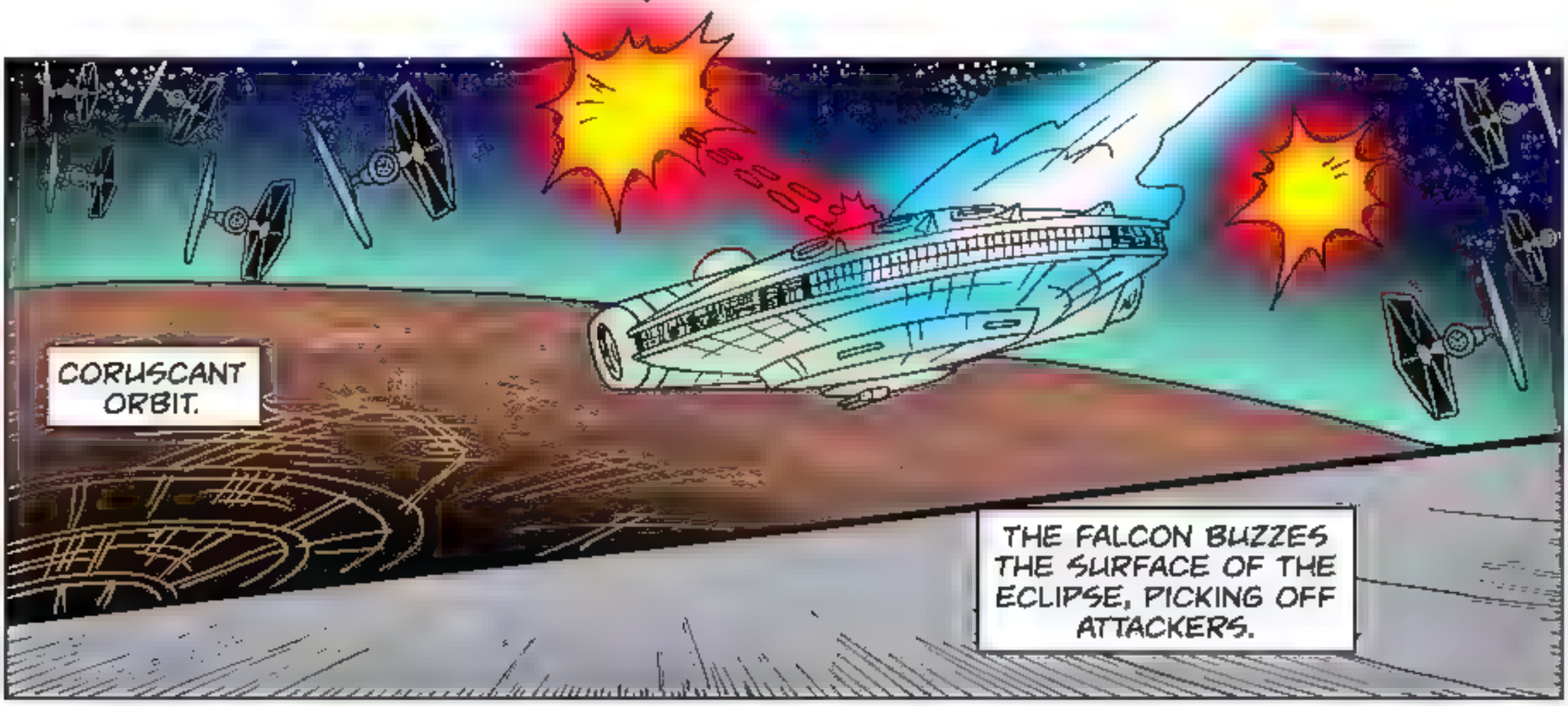
MORTIS
RAIN POUNDS THE GRAY STONE.

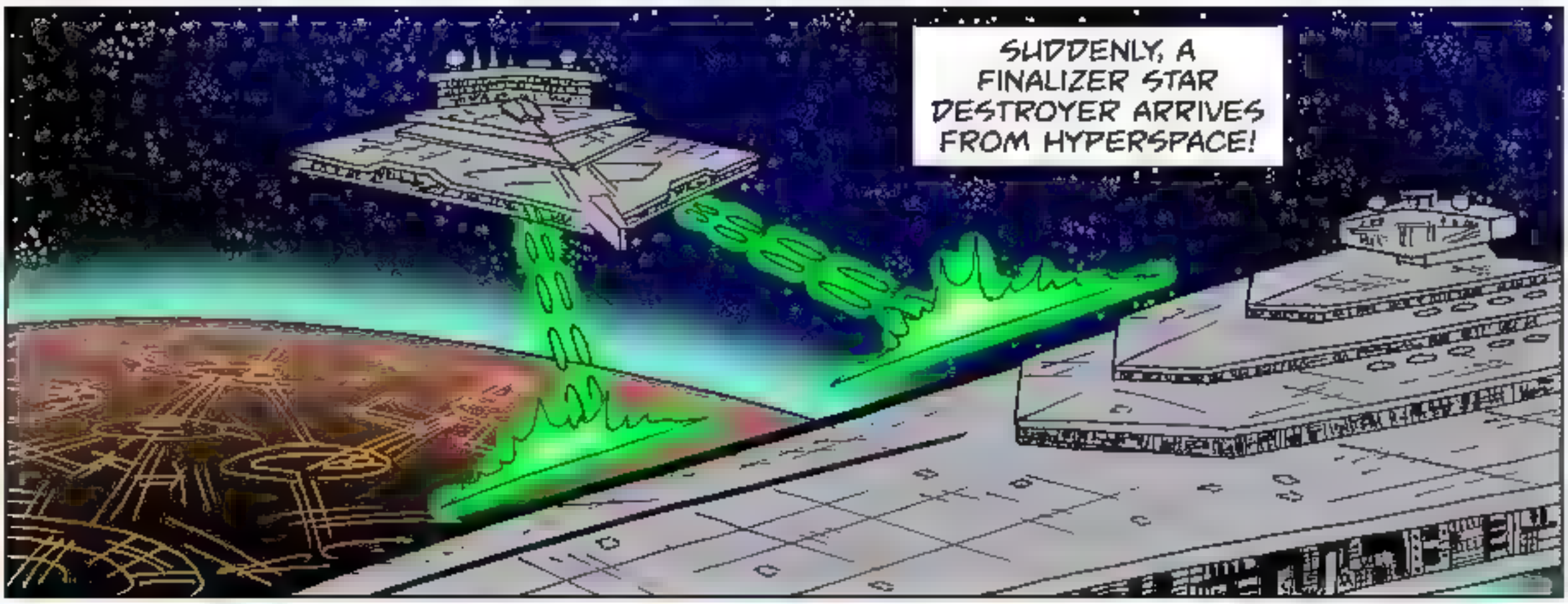


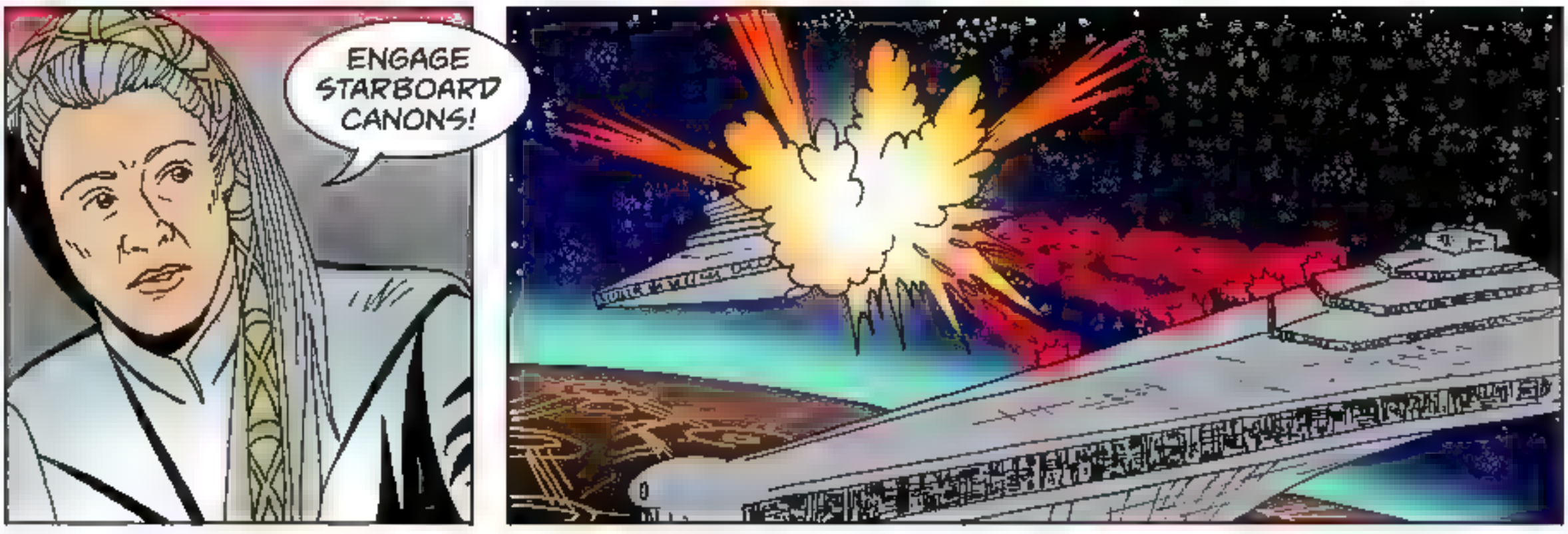

REY AND KYLO FIGHT MERCILESSLY ON THE STEPS OF THE TEMPLE.
REY LOSES GROUND.
STUMBLES.
I COULD HAVE BEEN YOUR TEACHER.
I COULD HAVE ENDED YOUR PAIN.

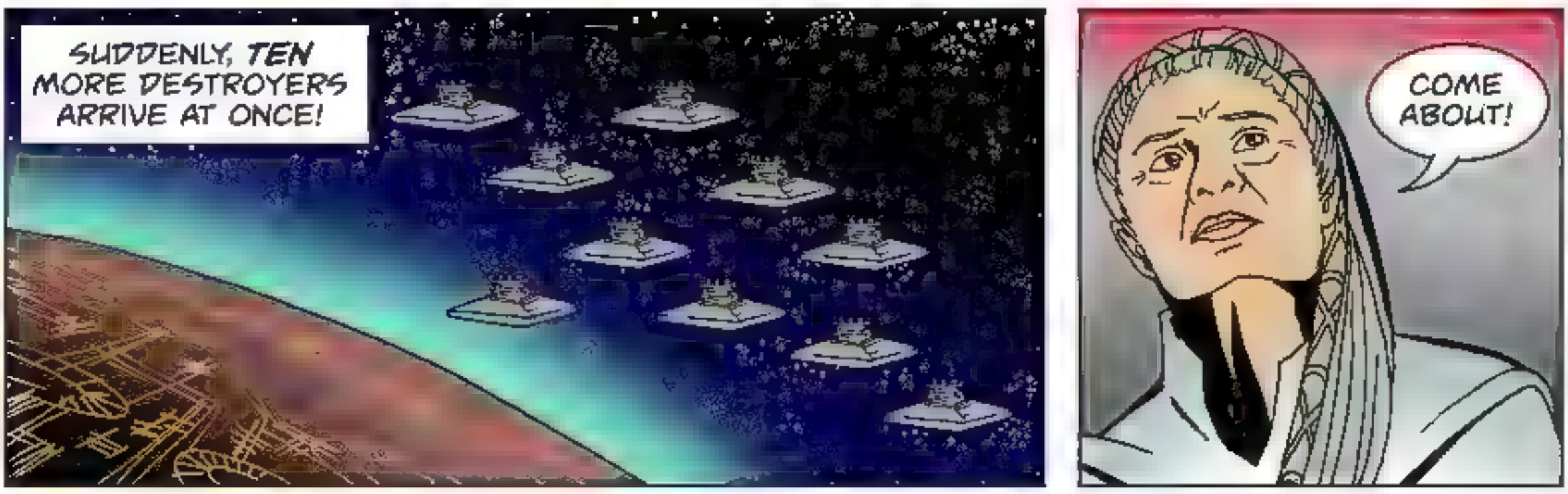
VWUM!
REY SHEARS OFF PART OF KYLO'S MASK.

YOU'RE WEAKENING.
THE LAST GLIMMER OF A DYING LIGHT.
VRUN!
AAAAHHHH!!
REY LOOKS UP, CRYING BLOOD.
SHE'S BLINDED.
KYLO ENTERS THE TEMPLE OF MORTIS.
GOODBYE, SCAVENGER.
SHE FALLS BACK, MOTIONLESS.


CORUSCANT ORBIT.
THE FALCON BUZZES THE SURFACE OF THE ECLIPSE, PICKING OFF ATTACKERS.


SUDDENLY, A FINALIZER STAR DESTROYER ARRIVES FROM HYPERSPACE!


ENGAGE STARBOARD CANONS!


SUDDENLY, TEN MORE DESTROYERS ARRIVE AT ONCE!
COME ABOUT!

RESISTANCE SHIPS WEAVE BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS UNDERNEATH THE CAPTIOL, AT WINDOW-LEVEL WITH THE PROFITEERS WHO FINANCED THIS CONFLICT.

THE LEADER, *ELLO ASTY*, SENDS HOMING MISSILES INTO THE CAPITOL.

BOOM!

BOOM!

ROSE SNEAKS THROUGH A CORRIDOR AS A PROCESSION APPROACHES.

READY THE HYPERDRIVE.

IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OUR DEFENSES ARE BREACHED, WE'LL MAKE THE JUMP TO LIGHTSPEED.

THE CAPITOL IS A *SHIP*?

THE FIRST ORDER TECHS BREAK AWAY.

THEY SCAN THEIR I.D. BARS AND DISAPPEAR THROUGH A DOOR.

ROSE USES HER STOLEN I.D. BARS TO ENTER THE ROOM.

SHE SLIPS BEHIND SOME CONSOLES AND OPENS A FLOOR PANEL.

SHE CRAWLS INTO THE SUBSPACE BENEATH THE CONTROL ROOM.

THE TECHS ARE STILL AUDIBLE ABOVE.

READY TO SET COORDINATES, SIR.

PLOT A COURSE FOR THE FORVE SYSTEM.

CHEWIE'S X-WING DESCENDS TO THE CAPITOL, WEAVING THROUGH ENEMY FIRE.

GROWR!!

BEEP?

BOOM!

THEY'RE HIT!

CHEWIE MANEUVERS OVER MONUMENT SQUARE, SPINNING INTO A DIVE.

KA-BOOM!

SAVE THAT PILOT!

FINN AND HIS SQUADRON BLAST THEIR WAY TOWARD THE CRASHED SHIP.

BEEP!

WRARR-WRRGGHH!

BB-8?

CHEWIE! WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO FLY LIKE THAT?

INCOMING!

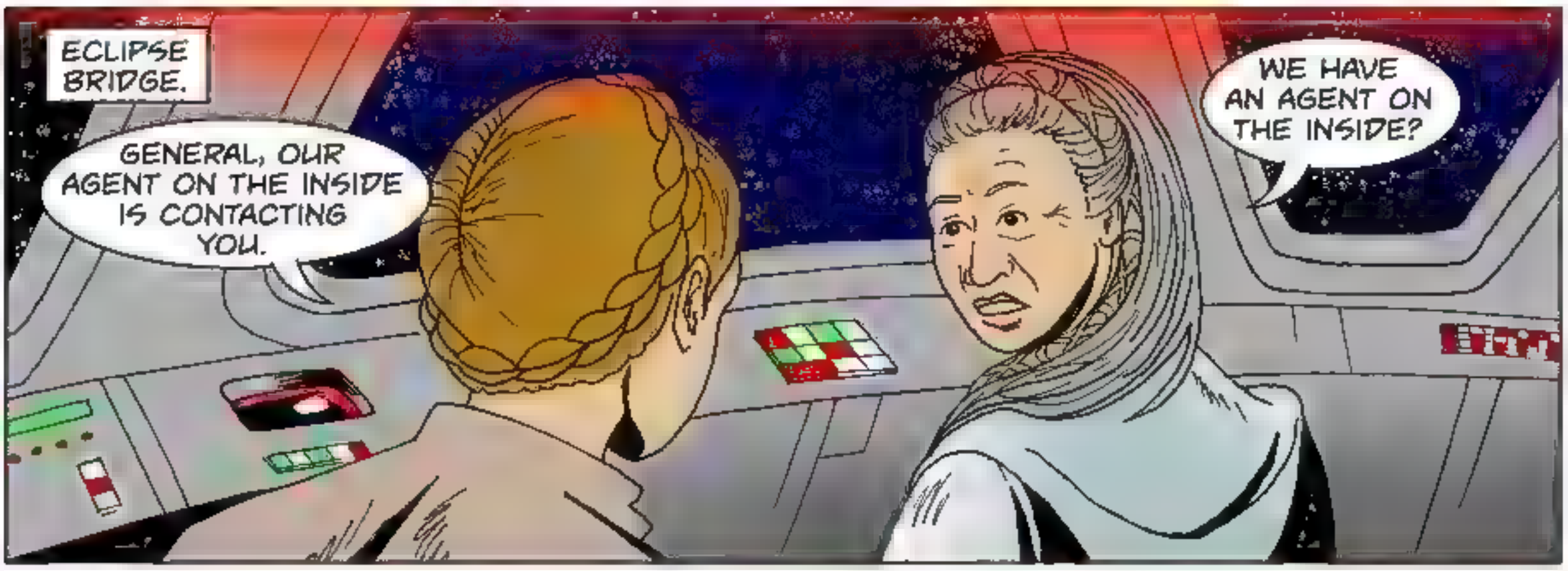
ZAP!

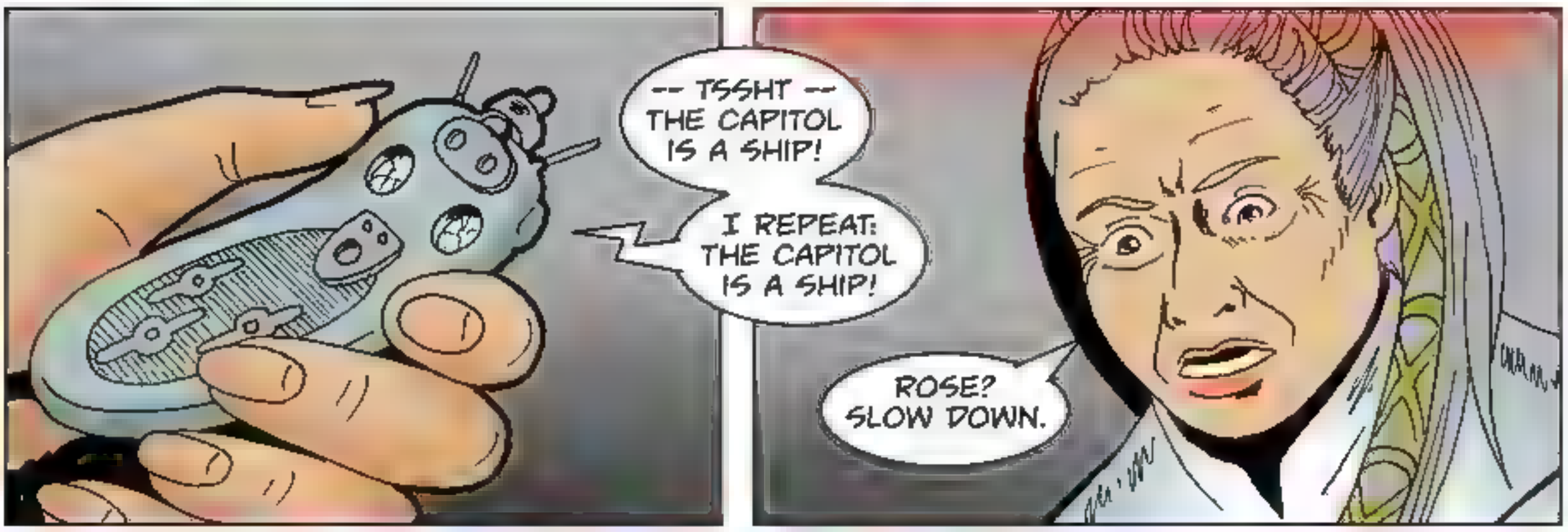
ZRAP!

BRAP!

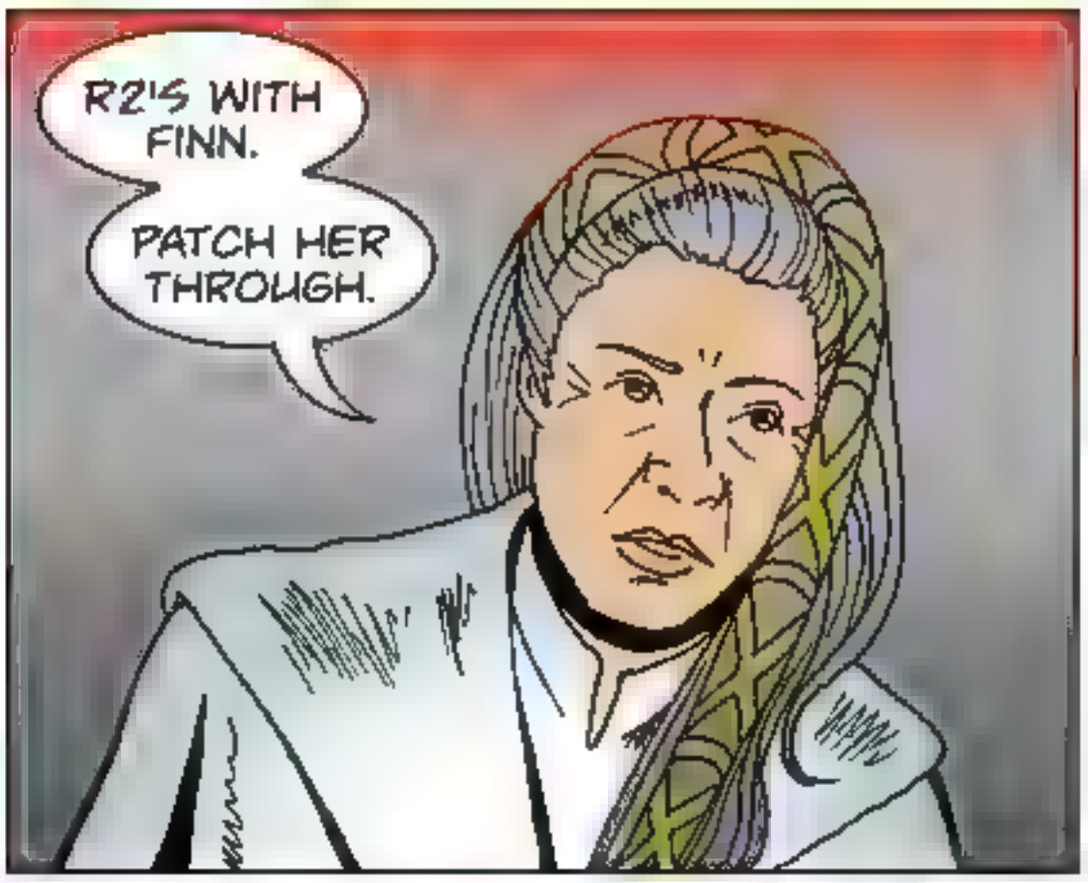
A FRESH BATCH OF AT-MTS EMERGE.

THIS REVOLUTION MAY NOT LAST LONG...

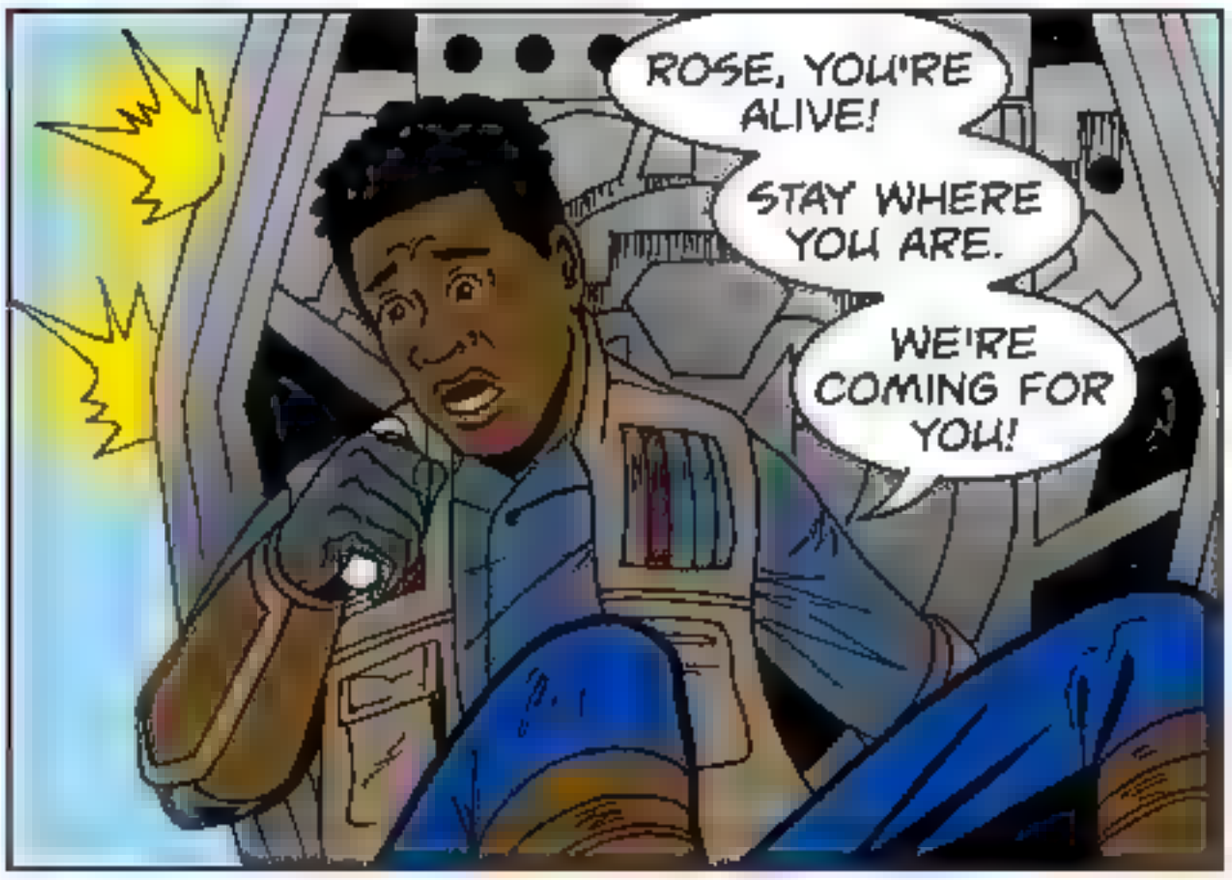

ECLIPSE BRIDGE.
GENERAL, OUR AGENT ON THE INSIDE IS CONTACTING YOU.
WE HAVE AN AGENT ON THE INSIDE?

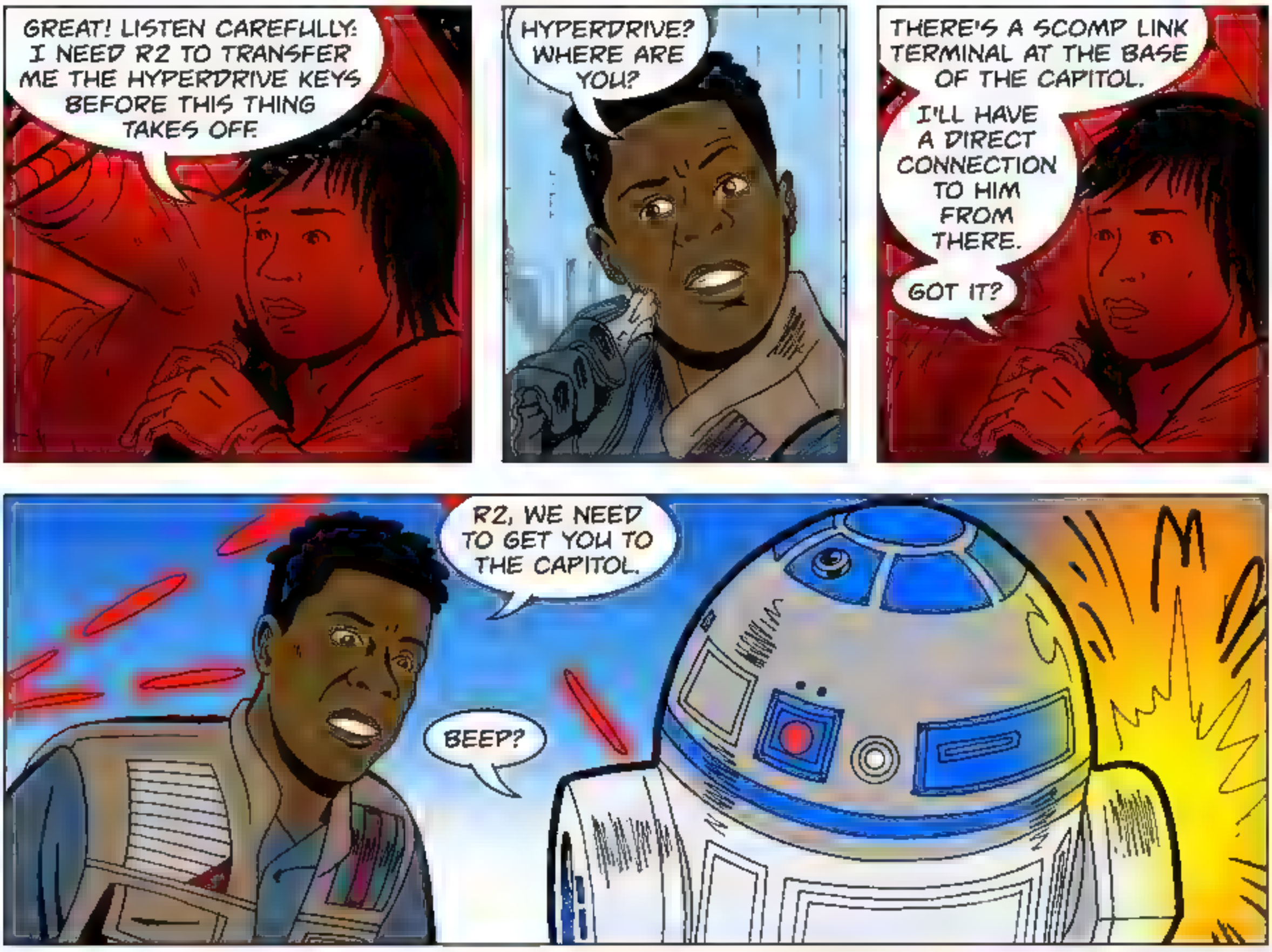

-- TSSHT -- THE CAPITOL IS A SHIP!
I REPEAT: THE CAPITOL IS A SHIP!
ROSE? SLOW DOWN.

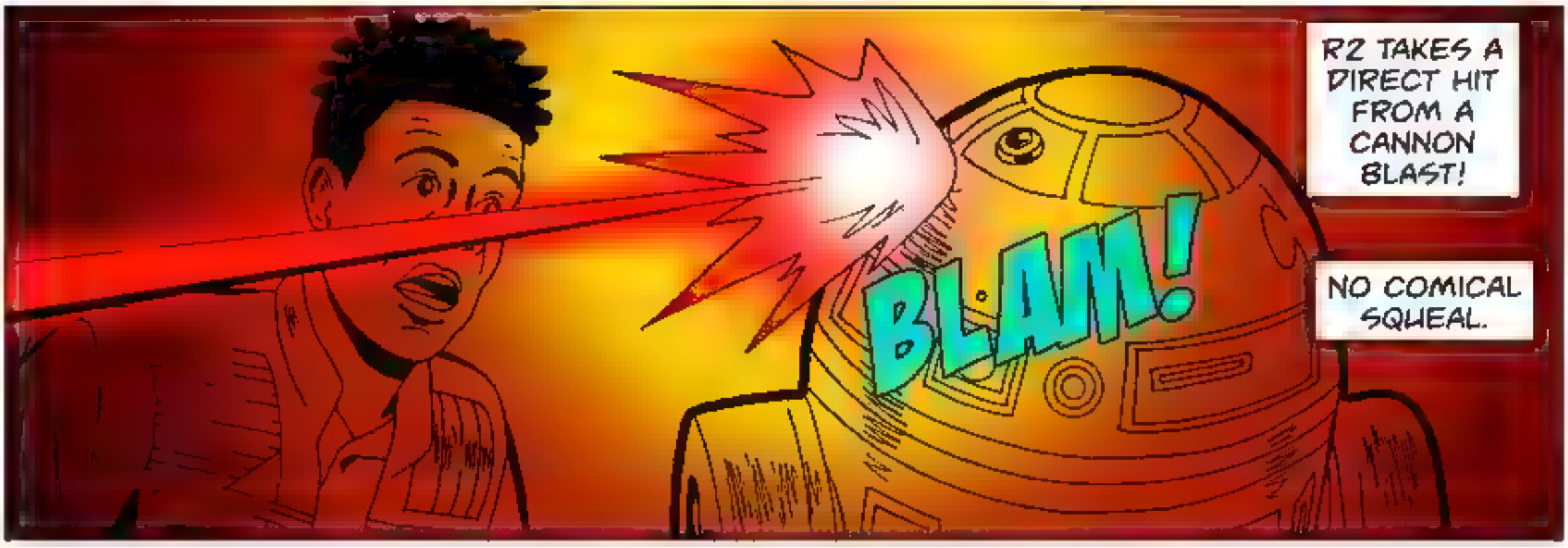
THEY'RE GOING TO LEAVE THE PLANET!
I CAN DISABLE THE HYPERDRIVE, BUT I NEED THE KEYCODES IN R2'S MEMORY DRIVE.

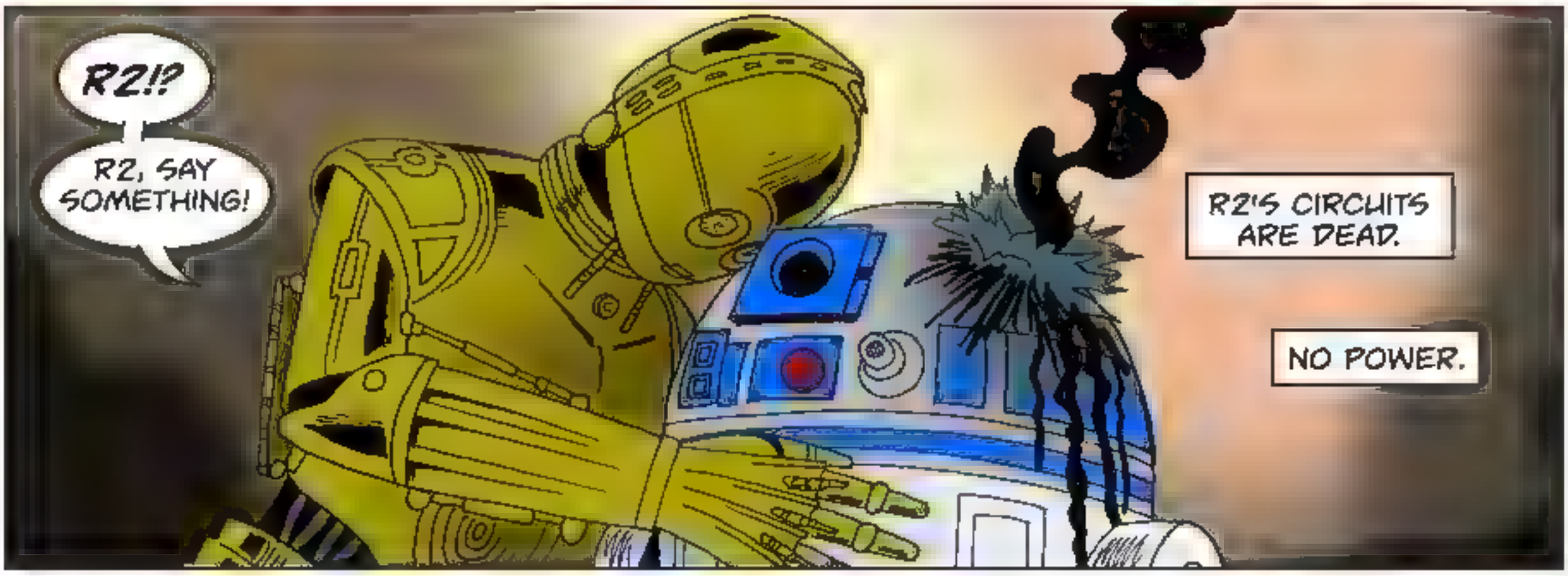

R2'S WITH FINN.
PATCH HER THROUGH.

FINN'S ALIVE?


ROSE, YOU'RE ALIVE!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE.
WE'RE COMING FOR YOU!


GREAT! LISTEN CAREFULLY: I NEED R2 TO TRANSFER ME THE HYPERDRIVE KEYS BEFORE THIS THING TAKES OFF.
HYPERDRIVE? WHERE ARE YOU?
THERE'S A SCOMP LINK TERMINAL AT THE BASE OF THE CAPITOL.
I'LL HAVE A DIRECT CONNECTION TO HIM FROM THERE.
GOT IT?
R2, WE NEED TO GET YOU TO THE CAPITOL.
BEEP?


R2 TAKES A DIRECT HIT FROM A CANNON BLAST!
BLAM!
NO COMICAL SQUEAL.


R2!?
R2, SAY SOMETHING!
R2'S CIRCUITS ARE DEAD.
NO POWER.

FINN OPENS A PANEL AND REMOVES R2'S MEMORY DRIVE.

I'M SORRY, BUDDY.

BB-8!

IT'S ALL UP TO YOU NOW, OKAY?

BEEP!

ROSE, SEND BB-8 THE TERMINAL COORDINATES. HE'S GOT THIS.

BB-8 DASHES INTO BATTLE, PAST EXPLOSIONS, THROUGH AT-MT LEGS, NARROWLY MISSING CRATERS AND FALLEN BRUTETROOPERS.

THREEPIO, WE *HAVE* TO MOVE!

I *CAN'T* LEAVE HIM.

RWWORRRGHHH!!

CHEWIE HEAVES R2 ONTO HIS BACK AS HE AND FINN RACE FOR COVER.

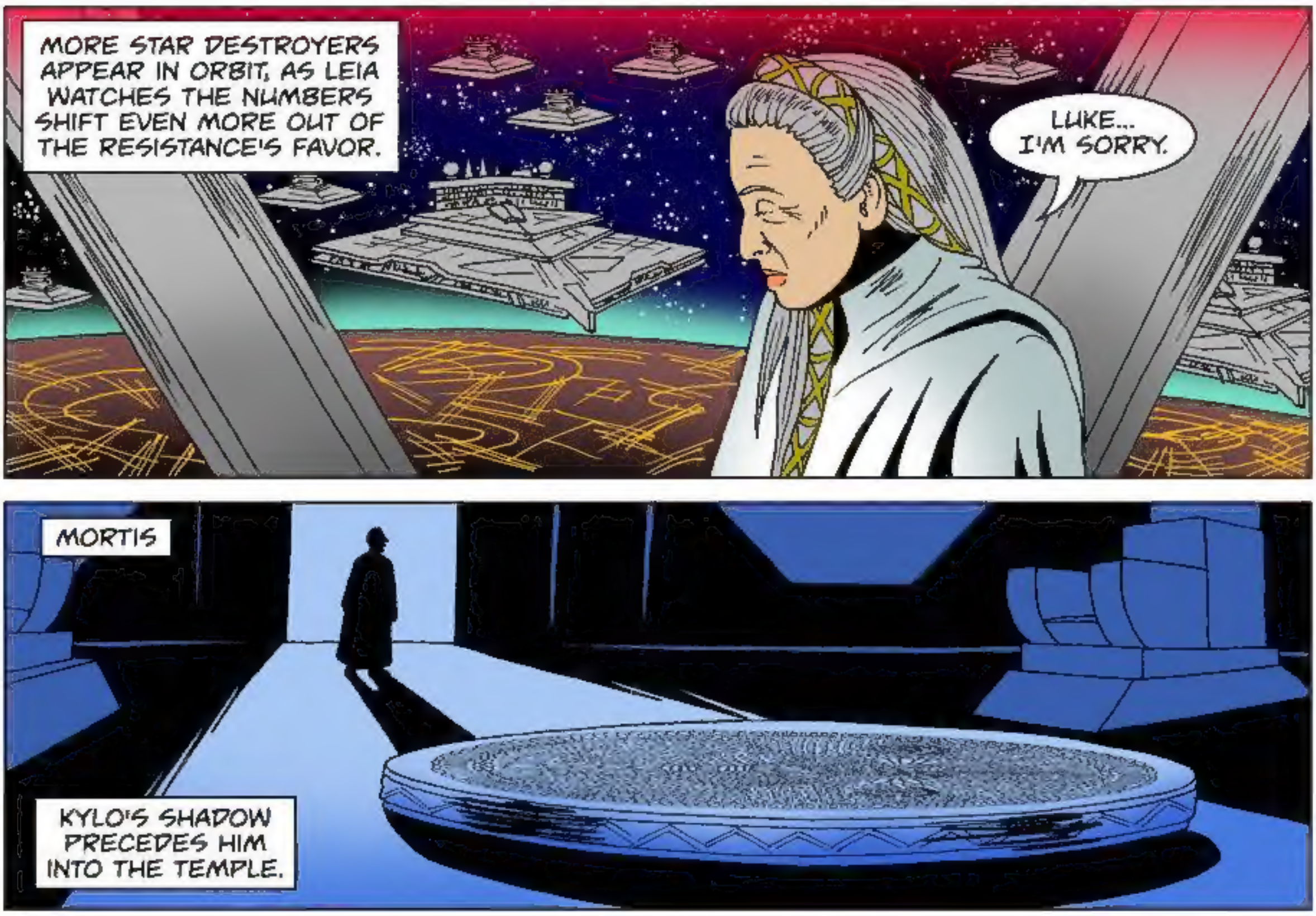
SUDDENLY, CHEWIE IS HIT!

GO, CHEWIE!

AS HE RUNS, CHEWIE IS HIT AGAIN!

FINN FIRES BACK AT IMPOSSIBLE ODDS.

IS THIS HOW IT ENDS?


MORE STAR DESTROYERS APPEAR IN ORBIT, AS LEIA WATCHES THE NUMBERS SHIFT EVEN MORE OUT OF THE RESISTANCE'S FAVOR.
LUKE... I'M SORRY.
MORTIS
KYLO'S SHADOW PRECEDES HIM INTO THE TEMPLE.
KYLO REACHES OUT AND PUSHES THE STONE SLAB AWAY.
HE LOOKS INTO THE WELL BENEATH THE TEMPLE, DEEP INTO THE HEART OF MORTIS, EAGER FOR HIS REWARD...
IT'S EMPTY.
NOTHING BUT A HOLE IN THE GROUND.
NO...
NO...
YOU'VE LOST, BEN.
LUKE STEPS INTO THE LIGHT, A THIN BLUE LINE TRACES HIS FORM.

YOU'RE DEAD! THE JEDI ARE GHOSTS!
THE DARK SIDE HAS FAILED YOU LIKE IT FAILED MY FATHER.
YOUR FATHER WAS WEAK!
HIS LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY SAVED HIM. I WISH IT COULD SAVE YOU.
I DID WHAT I HAD TO DO.
YOU CHOSE HATE.
I CHOSE POWER!
VRUNN!

KYLO ATTACKS BUT LUKE CATCHES THE BLADE WITH HIS HAND, STOPPING IT MIDAIR...
...STRONGER THAN KYLO COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINE!
I'LL BE STRONGER THAN ANY SKYWALKER HAS EVER BEEN!
YOU ARE NO SKY-WALKER.
TO BE CONCLUDED!